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and enjoy the break!



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Art Club event**

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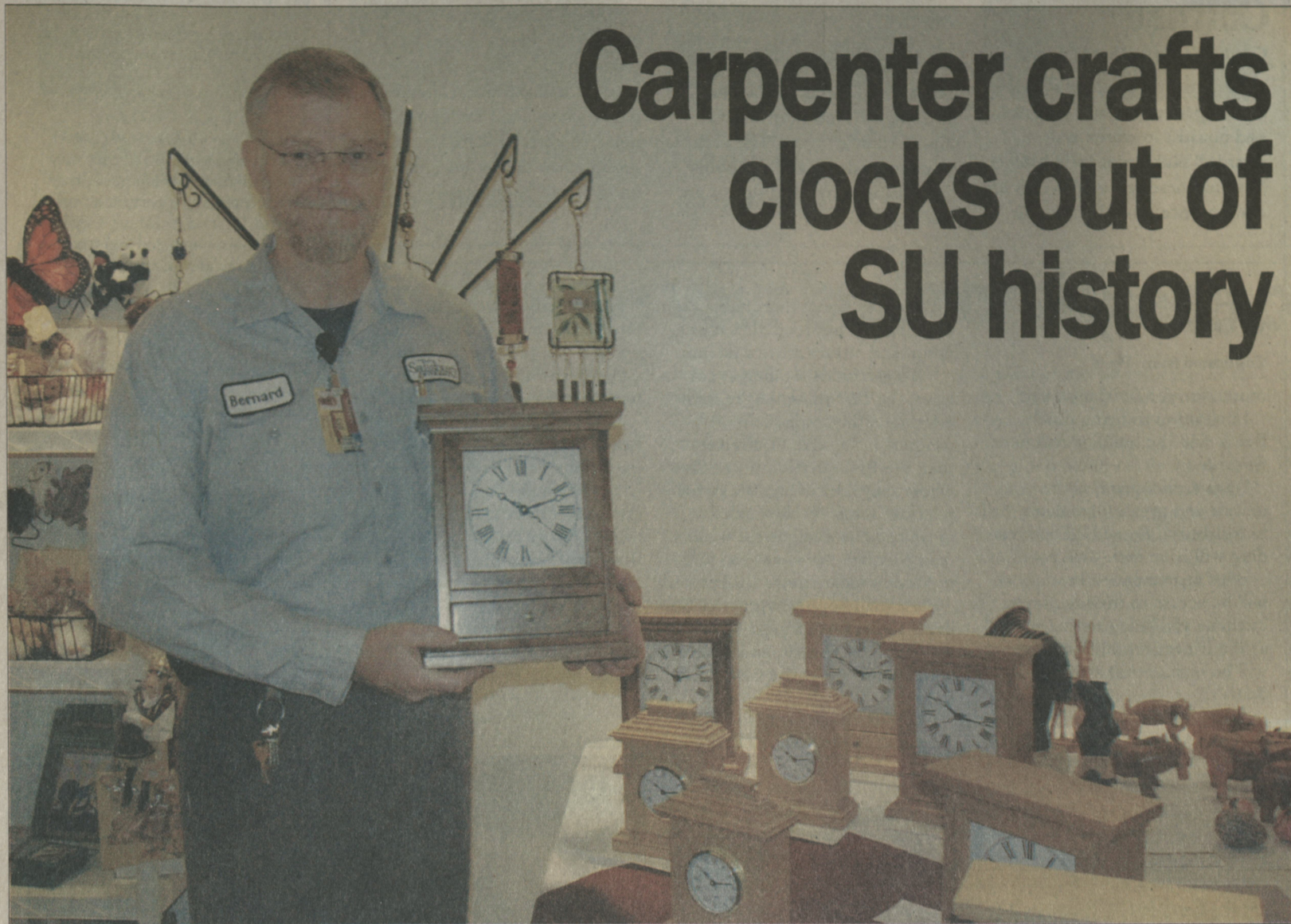
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Carpenter crafts clocks out of SU history



Adrienne Price photo

Bernard Livingston, a carpenter at Salisbury University as well as a clock-maker, holds up a piece of his work, which is currently displayed in the Atrium Gallery. He brings SU into his work, and made clocks from a tree located near The Commons that was struck by lightning.

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Bernard Livingston is a self-proclaimed "DIY kind of person." He has worked as a carpenter at Salisbury University for 18 years and handcrafts clocks in his spare time.

Livingston said he started woodworking to furnish his house out of

necessity. He has built all kinds of furniture, including beds, a chest with drawers, cabinets and file cabinets. He has also worked in kitchens and bathrooms and on built-in units and freestanding pieces.

"I just had this idea that if someone else could do it, I could do it too," he said. "And that's sort of how the ball got rolling."

Livingston said his

woodworking skills are all self-taught.

"I bought an 800-page book on modern cabinet making and read the entire thing," Livingston said. "Then I set to work practicing using the different types of tools. Over the years, I've progressed and mastered all of them."

Even though woodworking started as a necessity, he quickly developed a passion for the craft.

"I was really drawn to it and I really loved the tactile sensation of the wood," Livingston said. "I just loved the material and the beauty of it."

Livingston translates his interest in 18th century American furniture into the pieces he designs. He extends his creativity to the kinds of materials he uses as well. A tree by the Commons was struck by lightning during a storm around

10 years ago, causing the leaves to fall and the bark to blow off the trunk.

"It was a big, big beautiful oak and I've always admired it," Livingston said. "I felt really heartsick at first because I knew it was probably going to die, but it managed to survive amazingly for about five years before it actually began to die. That's when I expressed my interest in

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SU recognized for high amount of Fulbright scholars

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Salisbury University is quickly becoming a university to be reckoned with, as it is now well-known not only in the United States but also throughout the world.

Recently, SU has been named a top producer of Fulbright Scholars by The Chronicle of Higher Education. In the past 11 years, 13 different SU faculty members have been named Fulbright Scholars. Becoming a Fulbright Scholar is a chance for faculty or professionals in their field to do international work or study.

"It was a long and involved process," said Dr. Andrew Sharma of the Communication Arts Department, who traveled to Hissar, India as a Fulbright scholar. "It is very competitive and I obviously had to put my best foot forward. Things that we learned there made us see life in a completely different way once we got back to our home here."

According to the Fulbright program's website, the organization sends about 800 people abroad each year.

"This is a celebration of our faculty, or an indicator of what makes SU a Maryland university of national and increasingly international distinction," said Dr. Brian Stiegler, director of the Center for International Education. "Us winning (this honor) shows this faculty's commitment to an international dimension of teaching and learning."

The scholarship also presents an opportunity for international networking.

"I taught classes in American Studies and enjoyed my students there. One of whom came to SU where she has just completed her M.A. Degree in English," said Dr. Michael Waters, who traveled to Iasi, Romania as a Fulbright scholar. "I remain in touch with several students and colleagues and would do it again."

Although SU has produced 13 Fulbright Scholars, the University has yet to produce a student Fulbright recipient. To date, no students have applied with the university's help.

However, this year, there are two students applying, one of whom is Andrew Bond, a December 2010 graduate.

"It's such a great academic scholarship," Bond said. "The ability to teach, learn a language and do outside re-

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Chinese culture to be shared through upcoming performance

SU will host Huajin Dance Drama Ensemble of Shanxi on Dec. 13

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The colorful culture of China returns to Salisbury University once again on Dec. 13, when the anticipated and award-winning Huajin Dance Drama Ensemble of Shanxi will perform.

With the choreographer of the Beijing Olympics, the Shanxi dance drama group will present a show full of quick and graceful movement — bright, colorful and moveable art. The group is composed of approximately 50 people who take on the challenge of dance, drama and the-

ater.

Each performance, whether a group or a solo act, tells a story and presents the Chinese culture through the medium of rhythm and dance. Some group titles include "Flower in the Rain," "Ode to Spring Drizzle," and "The Thousand-hand Bodhisattva." Some of the acts are illustrated through puppet shows, architecture and the unique lifestyle of the ancient North Chinese finance center.

"I feel so honored that we are hosting such a wonderful performance from China again," said June Krell-Salgado, director of Cultural Affairs.

"We are only one of two sites that this event is coming to and we hope to have a large turnout to greet the performers," she said.

The event is sponsored by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, World Artists Experiences Inc. and the Office of Cultural Affairs.

Established in 2004, the Huajin Dance Drama Ensemble seeks to expand their ancient culture to different areas.

Their success is reflected by their honor of the National Stage Masterpiece Award.

"It's nice to see SU's

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Sea Gull Square construction ahead of schedule

New residence hall, set to open in fall 2011, is about half full

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As a quickly growing community, on-campus housing has become a concern for many Salisbury University students. However, the opening of Sea Gull Square next fall promises to help alleviate these problems.

The brand new, \$34 million apartment-style complex will house 605 students. The application opened in October, and with the deposits received, the building is already about half full.

"This is about exactly

where we had expected to be at this point," said Roger Becks, associate director of Housing and Residence Life.

Housing and Residence Life Director Dave Gutoskey said the project is going very well.

"At this point, Whiting-Turner (the hired contracting company) is actually ahead of the contracting schedule," Gutoskey said. "Every floor in the building has been framed and about 50 percent of the building has been dry-walled. They're doing really well. We chose this contractor because they have a

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ZTA sorority raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research

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Throughout October, there were many different organizations doing all they could to raise awareness, promote education and collect donations for National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Salisbury University's Zeta Tau Alpha sorority did their part by host-

ing many different campaigns and events.

With 55 members constantly participating in the events formally held during the year and everyday actions to raise awareness, there was a visible effort being put forth on campus. The sidewalks were covered in chalk messages encouraging students to "Think Pink" and "Wear Pink."

Specific events hosted by the sorority included "Pink Out Days," "Race for a Cure," and contributing before a Redskins game in October to hand out ribbons and educational breast cancer cards. To wrap up the month, the annual Mr. Zeta pageant was held. The fundraising efforts are important to the chapter as a whole, and each sister participates in a different way, whether it be

big or small.

"It takes many hours and meetings to plan and organize all the events, if I had to say in total, it would probably be around 100 hours, if not more," said ZTA President Katie Parker. "It takes a lot of planning on several people's parts throughout the semester, especially for our fundraiser chair, Kathleen Davis, and service chair, Catie Azarsa."

The biggest event for ZTA this fall was the annual Mr. Zeta Competition, as 20 male Salisbury students took their part in lending a helping hand. Senior Chris Henry was one of the contestants for Mr. Zeta, which took place Oct. 28.

"It feels great to contribute to a cause like this," he said. "When the sorority members asked me to take part, I hesi-

tated but knew it was a good thing to do. I made sure I told my friends to come down and interact as well."

Contestants strutted their stuff all night long in the Wicomico Room, where at the end of night, Haden Carlson was named Mr. Zeta 2010.

"Joining this sorority has been very rewarding not only

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Briefly Stated

Dec. 10-18 Commencement Instructions Available
Seniors participating in the Dec. 18 Commencement ceremony should download "Student Instructions for Graduation Day" from the Commencement Web site, at www.salisbury.edu/commencement, beginning Dec. 10. Additional information on the site includes instructions for guests who need disabled seating reservations, directions and hotel listings.

Wednesday, Dec. 8 African-American Churches of the Eastern Shore lecture
Author and local historian Linda Dwyer discusses vanished and surviving African-American churches of the Eastern Shore at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the Nabbs Center. Admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-543-6312.

Ongoing until Friday, Dec. 10 End-of-semester computer information
The TETC computer labs (TE-110 A&B and TE-116 A&B) are open 24 hours running through 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. During finals week, the TETC computer labs are open 8 a.m.-midnight Dec. 13-16 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the Devilbiss Hall Room 205, Henson Science Hall Room 150 and Guerrier Center Room 133F computer labs close at their normal times and do not reopen until the spring 2011 semester. Faculty are reminded that their finals are not automatically scheduled in the labs. See the SU website for more information. All computer labs are closed Dec. 18-Jan. 3. Only the TETC labs open for the winter term beginning Monday, Jan. 3. For a detailed schedule of lab hours visit <http://www2.salisbury.edu/calendar/Program/calendar.asp?id=16>

Ongoing - Friday, Dec. 17 Pet Supply Drive
SU's Blackwell Library holds its annual homeless pet supply donation drive, "Be a Hero For Homeless Animals," through December 17. Members of the campus and greater community may drop off dog and cat food, and treats, toys, litter, pet soap and shampoo, collars and leashes, nail clippers, brushes, newspapers, new or used towels and blankets, paper towels, household cleaners, bleach and laundry soap at the donation area near the circulation desk. Items collected benefit the Humane Societies of Wicomico and Somerset counties, allowing them to use their limited budgets for other items including cages and vaccinations. For more information call 410-543-6130 or visit www.salisbury.edu/library.

Cancer

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with the friends I've made but the opportunity to give back to others and contribute to a great cause," said senior Chelsea Mangum.

Parker said that the sorority was able to raise a little over \$1,000 for the cause.

Fulbright
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search will open new doors." Bond has already traveled to India multiple times, including a semester-long stay. He decided that he wants to go back to India again to teach, as an English Teaching Assistantship on a Fulbright scholarship. Bond is expecting to hear back from the program sometime in January. According to Stiegler, students have to plan ahead to get into this program. He said students have to know that they want to apply to the program by about the end of their junior year and then start applying by the beginning of their senior year.

"The university is hopeful that the excellence in faculty will increase the number of student Fulbright scholarships," Stiegler said.

Clocks

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trying to preserve the wood." The cost of the wood is not factored into the price of a clock, only his labor and the cost of materials.

"I tried to keep the prices low in hopes that if students wanted to own a piece of history of the University for themselves, they could take it wherever life might take them," he said.

It takes Livingston approximately 25 hours to build one

clock from the beginning stage of rough boards and cutting them and adding decorative elements, assembling and finishing. He created about 14 clocks featured in the Atrium Gallery shown in around 70 hours.

"I take a lot of satisfaction over the creative process," he said. "I enjoy creating something that prior to that didn't exist—taking rough, raw material and creating something that's refined and usable. The thing that satisfies me the most is the joy and excitement of the people I build

for when they see the finished piece and the appreciation they have for what I've done."

The clocks are for sale exclusively in the Atrium Gallery, located in the Guerrier University Center. The gallery is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"I appreciate the opportunity I've had to display my work here," Livingston said. "The feedback I've gotten has been very heartwarming."

Culture

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commitment to cultural diversity and respect to the arts in action and not just in words and awards," said junior Joseph Meir. "I think these types of events are really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the great works of other cultures."

The Huajin Dance Drama Ensemble of Shanxi will be performing in Holloway Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. The event is open to students and the public. Admission is free and tickets are not required.

"I like dance in general, especially from other cultures," said junior Natalie Aguirre. "After seeing the last Chinese culture dance showcase, I'm definitely going to go see the dance drama group when they come around. I know it will be spectacular."

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reputation for finishing early." In addition to being timely, Becks said the building will benefit students.

"(Sea Gull Square) is the newest and greatest residence hall in Salisbury," he said. "Each resident will have their own room, and it's apartment-style so there will be access to the brand new kitchens and living rooms, as well as the fitness room. Plus, there will be high security (for students)."

Gutoskey noted that the new building will improve SU's reputation and attract more students. "When a kid is looking at colleges, the first thing they're interested in is the academic programs," he said. "But after that, the first question they ask is where they'll be living. It's an important factor. We've needed more beds on campus for more than 17 years. Now we'll be able to accommodate more students."

Freshman Sophia Myers will be living in Sea Gull Square next year with her friends, and is very enthusiastic about the new building.

"I decided to live (in Sea Gull Square) because it looks like it's going to be great building and it will give me a place to live for the next three years," Myers said.

However, the high cost is a heavy factor for some because by paying the \$500 deposit, students have to commit to a full-year contract. The cost is \$675 per month for 12 months. However, this could be helpful to students who are interested in taking summer and winter courses.

For more information on Sea Gull Square, visit <http://www.salisbury.edu/housing>.

Crime Beat

11/19/2010 5:30 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
Theft
Complainant reported their unsecured property was stolen while they were inside the main gym of Maggs.


11/19/2010 10:38 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
CDS (Drug Violation)
Complainant reported a drug violation in the area of Chester Hall. The student has been identified and criminal charges are pending.

11/18/2010 - 11/19/2010 9:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
CDS (Drug Violation) Off-Campus
Complainants reported they may have unknowingly ingested drugs while attending a party at an off-campus location. Salisbury City Police has been contacted and the case is under investigation.

11/21/2010 2 a.m.
Assault
University Police responded to Severn Hall for the report of a fight. All parties have been identified and order was restored.

11/20/2010 - 11/21/2010 6 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.
Theft
Complainant reported the theft of his skateboard from the Commons Dining Area.

11/22/2010 - 11/23/2010 8 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Theft
Complainant reported the theft of a bicycle from the Chesapeake Hall bike rack.



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EDITORIAL

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Overheard: Do you feel genes influence infidelity?

Photos and article by Adrienne Price

This question was inspired by a Business Week article on the topic: <http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/646957.html>. How would you answer this question? Text 646-535-NEWS (6397) with your answer.



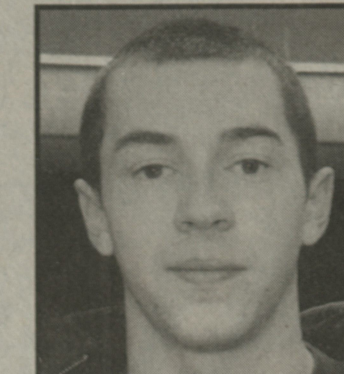
"I don't feel that they have an effect."
-Latasha Bateman, UMES senior and SU student worker



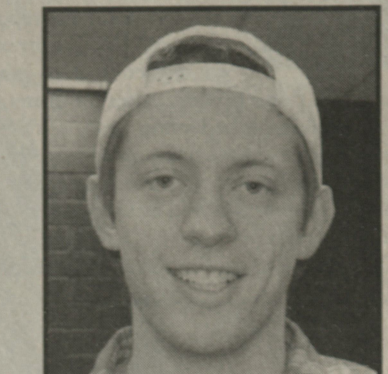
"I can see where someone would say that, but it has more to do with how you are raised and your values."
-Courtney Donnelly, senior



"Yes genes influence it because my parents are faithful and so are my grandparents."
-Lauren Crum, junior



"I think it's more nurture, your environment influences you."
-Gerard Giuliano, freshman



"Genes are a part of it for sure."
-Henry Halbach, freshman

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Do you use your brain or depend on drugs?



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It's finally here—the imminent week of exams! After weeks of classes and papers, club meetings, part-time jobs and late nights with friends, it's time for a long nap. Sorry, that's not happening because it's time to study!

Professors have worked hard to make this next week of life as exhausting as possible.

Being totally unprepared adds yet another nail in the coffin. At this point there are three options. You can take your nap anyway, do a rain dance

and say a special prayer to the gods for luck, or cram like crazy.

As a means of not wasting hard-earned tuition money, option number three is seemingly the best choice.

The only problem is how to convince an over-stressed body that it's well rested. Instead of the reality of having four-and-a-half hours of sleep daily with an occasional mid-day nap, how are you going to induce that feeling of eight hours of rest for the last two weeks?

Don't feel too alone, though. Many of your peers have to make the same decision. All across the country, students are finding new ways to stay awake and focused in order to get that "A" their parents are hoping for.

While many students still use this semi-traditional means, others are depending on excessive amounts of energy drinks or even buying prescription medicine to fight the almighty exam schedule. Although Red Bull may give you wings to fly through five chapters of chemistry notes, it doesn't take a crystal ball and a psychic to know that crashing is in the near future.

In desperation, students seek out popular substances.

"I had a novel to read with a 10 page paper to write. I didn't really have any other choice but to try it," said an anonymous student in reference to her first time trying Adderall, a leading medication aiding ADD and ADHD symptoms.

Various students resort to such medications—whether prescribed or not—to help focus while they study or take

exams.

Relying on drugs, highly caffeinated drinks, and other over-the-counter supplements is never the best option. "I was already tense from anxiety; the pills made me more on edge," said another anonymous student about how the drug made him feel. When it comes to reviewing for exams or any test, nothing is better than good old fashioned brain power. As with a car, you would rather not have to develop a high tolerance for jump starting your brain.

The safest and healthiest way to go is time management, a good night's rest, and a balanced meal in the morning. Study and purposely increase your two natural sources of energy. Your body will thank you!

Deck the dorms with holiday spirit

be due to the fact that I associate the holidays with presents, food and no school.

Here in dorm rooms, fully expressing holiday cheer may be difficult. Not only do constraints exist for the available decoration space, but the amount of decorations you can bring with you to school are also limited. So, I have decided to come up with a few solutions for this problem.

The first helpful solution is to take a journey down to Walmart, and buy a little fake tree. You can get a dorm-sized pre-lit tree for less than \$20. Then, you can make your

own ornaments with your friends to make the tree special and more personal. You can also put paper snowflakes up around your room or cluster and hallway. The snowflakes relate to every winter holiday, so everyone who lives with you will be happy.

To get yourself in the holiday spirit, go take a drive around Salisbury, and look at all the light decorations on the houses nearby. Some of these houses are very well decorated and very fun to view.

You could also go see a light festival. Every year, Salisbury hosts Winter Wonderland of Lights in

the Salisbury City Park. Ocean City hosts a similar event, the Winterfest of Lights festival. This event is designed exclusively for riding a tram car through a park decorated with lights.

There's really no need to sacrifice your holiday cheer or spirit just because you're at college. The best is almost here anyway, so you can enjoy the happiness of the season all you want when you return home. But who's to say you can't start now? You may find yourself celebrating the season like never before.

Ms. Advice

The world does not revolve around us

One of my biggest flaws is that I sometimes forget the world doesn't revolve around me or what I'm comfortable with. My life choices affect those around me even if I'm unaware.

If I drive too fast through a 30 mph zone, I'm subconsciously accepting responsibility for the lives of people around me. If I leave the water running or a smelly dinner out all night, my roommates pay the price.

I heard a story about a girl who has two DWIs and still drives after drinking. She has definitely proven that her cares more about herself than her friends, or others she puts in danger on the road. So, it's important to sit back and reflect on how your actions impact others around you.

The biggest issues usually arise with others we live or work with. We all have to put up with issues involving our roommates. One of mine slams doors late at night. Unfortunately most of us aren't thinking about how a small decision like shutting a door may be disruptive to others.

The girl who inspired me to write on this topic has roommates that don't respect her schedule. Among other issues, she is woken up by them most nights of the week due to excess

sive surrounding noise. Her roommates are not considerate about her sleep or study time.

While it's our choice to live with such roommates in the first place, they still don't have the right to ignore the basics of being courteous.

We are all responsible for our feelings and how we handle them, but we are also responsible for how we treat others. I write this in hopes that you will all truly think about how you treat others. We cannot always accommodate every request given to us, but we can make adjustments and be flexible to some extent.

Please try to keep this in mind when you return for a new semester in the spring. Whether you have new roommates or the same, tell them you'd like to do what it takes to be as courteous as possible. Ask them what you can do to be a better roommate. If the request is within reason and everyone agrees, take the measures necessary to make changes for the better. Remember that you may be treated more nicely overall when you learn to put others before yourself.

-The Girl Next Door

Have a question for Ms. Advice? She'll be back after the break in the next issue of The Flyer.

E-mail your anonymous questions to gullgirlnextdoor@gmail.com.

For the answer to this week's puzzle, see: <http://sudokuaday.com/medium-sudoku-puzzle-1140-answers.html>

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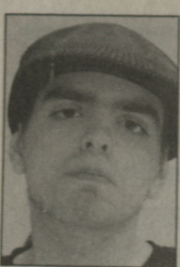
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Palestinian Infitada, part 3: The International Infitada



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By 1999, Ehud Barak had emerged as the left wing political leader of Israel. Not only was Barak figurehead of the Camp David summit, he was also considered head of the Israeli peace process. After his inauguration, Barak promised a final peace settlement with the Palestinians to be completed within months. His famous last words served as a prelude to past talks and were an omen of the failure to come.

The shortcomings of the Camp David talks

led to immediate political effects. Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, abruptly began to lose support. Israel avoided compromise over East Jerusalem issues, and the right of return led many to view the peace talks as a "smoke-and-mirrors" affair. Israeli news reports blamed Arafat in spite of Barak's offering of historic cessations. Barak was replaced by Ariel Sharon after two years as prime minister.

On the Israeli side, Camp David's defeat led to a rise in Likud support. On the Palestinian side of the argument, Camp David led to Hamas winning a noticeable majority in the 2006 Palestinian Parliament elections. In response to Hamas securing a majority democratically, Israel enforced a collective punishment upon the residents of Gaza.

Though Israel claimed its intentions to restrict the flow of illegal arms into Gaza, no official release of banned goods would be revealed. In addition, construction materials were prohibited until earlier this year, and exports from Gaza are still banned.

Earlier this year, the IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation and the Free Gaza Movement sent a flotilla of humanitarian aid assistance ships toward Gaza. While still in international waters, the Israel Defense Forces raided the flagship Mavi Marmara, killing nine activists. It's important to note that the Rome Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, Article 3, expressly forbids anyone from seizing or exercising control over a ship by use or

threat of force in international waters.

This catastrophic event has strengthened an international boycott movement, including Turkey's recall of its ambassador to Israel. While Turkey is a primary Moslem ally of Israel, the country has served as an alternative monitor to the peace talks (as opposed to the U.S.).

Overall, the Mavi Marmara attack in May awoke many members of the international community, as well as citizens, to the jingoist nature of the Israeli regime. If Israel continues down this path, the country will not only create an international Infidat similar to South African Apartheid resistance; they will share the same fate.

Letters to the Editor

Re: "After dealing with economic problems, will Obama bring changes?"

Tim Spies announces city council candidacy

Your voice in *The Flyer* was well-rehearsed, and as skewed and misinformed as most people are about the current financial crisis. We can rant and rave about the success of President Obama and his administration, but at what cost? Does it really make sense to overhaul an entire nation's healthcare in less than one year? Bold? I say foolish.

I am a TriCare patient living on the Eastern Shore. TriCare is run by the government's Defense Department. Recently, I woke up to a hernia giving me sharp pains in my side. After going to an immediate care clinic, National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda (a 4-hour commute one-way) and waiting in many civilian patient clinics, it took a long time to receive a full consultation for surgery to get my out of this pain.

I have had to reschedule my surgery consultation four times because of TriCare. And, none of my check-ups or physicals were considered pre-op work because I'm not dying and it read "voluntary surgery." Are you kidding me? I did not elect to get this surgery done; I need it.

If the government cannot get one patient right, how are they going to help 30 million people by 2014? What about the people who cannot spend the money on gas to go on these run-arounds? What about those people who cannot afford the time to wait? Do you really want the government, who has thus far been pretty lenient on its own accountability, running your health, or making "end of life" decisions? Call me a small rift in big system, but I highly doubt the government can run anything effectively at this point.

Are you familiar with the Grace Commission? I suggest you look it up and see where all of our tax money goes and get a real understanding of who funds these programs the government seems to be so fond of. Pay a visit to Recovery.org; I'd encourage you to closely examine the balance sheets, though intense. Where is this money going? Much is going to

competition grants for energy and agriculture and clean water. Energy grants seem great, but are they feeding families and getting us through college? Are they creating the right jobs?

How many of those newly created jobs do you think are public sector? I bet it's a large number, like the 98,000 private sector jobs created since December 2007. How did the private sector do? 20,200 jobs created since December 2007. Wow, seems like a big difference to me. These government jobs aren't doing anything to create a boost in the economy.

Yeah, and buying GM really made everyone really happy, but think about the United Auto Workers, who decided to take wage cuts in order to compensate for increase in production. Their competitors at Ford weren't thought about when this government manipulation and favoritism took place. The wage manipulation and restructuring of their financials are only going to hurt those workers and the union soon after the IPO hits and investors realize how badly they screwed up their operations.

Please do not start ranting about the public opinion of change in the country and how it is on the way with the current administration. I would read into the facts and look at the real political agenda of the administration on bringing change. Change would have meant pulling the troops out and ending the war. Instead, they accomplished the complete opposite. Change would have meant gradually making reforms to health care instead of injecting a plan that will cost us money and multiple drastic reforms when they witness its failure.

The political agenda itself is disgusting because of how the administration wants to remain in control.

I write this not to slander your article, just to educate you.

Sincerely,

John Stockel, senior

A libertarian

Salisbury has a problem. A very large problem. That problem is crime.

No advanced degree or long walk from campus is needed to appreciate the crime that exists in Salisbury, and that the problem is spreading. Murders, rapes, armed robberies, burglaries and other serious crimes are occurring in numbers hard to believe: over 900 in just over 100 days. 900.

It doesn't have to be like this.

My name is Tim Spies. I am a member of SU's Town & Gown and Neighborhood Relations Committees. A 1986 SU alumnus, my children (SU 2010 and SU 2013) and I live just a few blocks from the University. I care about Salisbury and all that it can and should be.

I have declared my candidacy for a 2011 Salisbury City Council seat.

I want your vote in April.

My goal is to break the council-mayor deadlock that has cursed Salisbury for so many years.

Salisbury needs to move past the pettiness, pandering, politicking and divisiveness, most recently characterized by Council President Louise Smith's adamant refusal to bring even to discussion the mayor's anti-crime plan. Her action, in direct violation of the council's rules of order, more importantly ignores the findings of the mayor's Crime Task Force, a large group of professionals gathered from nearly a dozen local, county, state and federal entities to study the crime problem in Salisbury. Based on their recommendations, the mayor's five-point strategy empowers tenants, neighborhoods and the city to identify and suppress crim-

nals where they hide and repeatedly endanger others.

Not allowing the council to determine the plan's worth in open dialogue, Smith tossed it aside in its entirety and allied with the local landlord association to cobble together a plan of her very own. After three months of work: some streetlights, surveillance cameras and a citizen patrol.

These are not strategies, but components of what might be a strategy. They are not new; all have failed here and elsewhere. Without teeth and without a comprehensive plan in place to accompany them, they are as Band-Aids on an arterial wound.

We must move positively and consistently in a unified direction to improve the city's health. In a healthy city, the health and well being of all within it becomes easier to achieve and maintain. Aggressively and effectively reducing crime comes first. We need to be direct and unwavering. We need to move.

I am not a politician. I have no hidden agenda. I have no ties to special interests. Salisbury must become safer to survive. Our city council has to work together to make that happen.

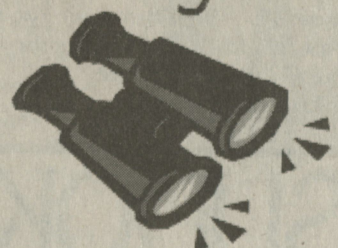
Whether Salisbury is home, alma mater or place of business, the quality of life that Salisbury offers is its most important asset, one that must be protected and nurtured.

I know that this is true. I think that you do, too.

Register to vote. Vote responsibly. Salisbury needs you.

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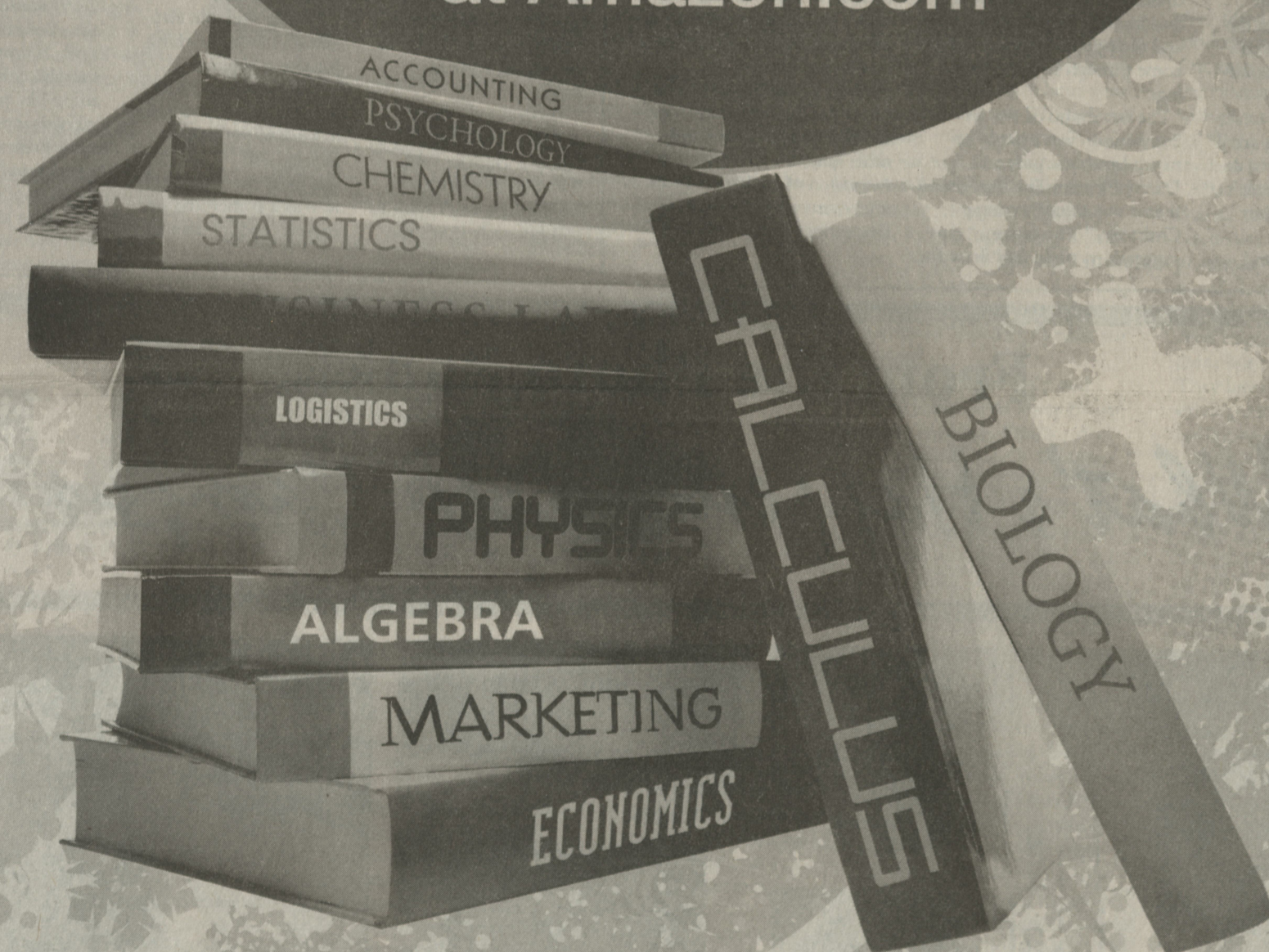
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Sarah Linzey photo
Andy Flexner, Danny Flexner, Kristina Miedzinski, Randie Hovatter and Tyler Mitchell break in front of their work after a round of the Super Art Fight.

Battle of the artists sparks interest in Art Club

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SU Art Club hosted their first SU-ART Art Fight in Fireside Lounge Nov. 3 for a showdown. Five art majors showed off their top drawing skills in a four-round fight. With each round, the time shortened and the competition stiffened. Sarah Linzey, president of the Art Club, planned the event after seeing something similar in Baltimore. She has been working to gain interest in the club and to showcase the talents of students in the department. "People don't really get to see what Salisbury art majors are capable of and I wanted to do something fun to get people's minds off of finals," Linzey said.

At the end of each round, au-

dience members voted on who would make it to the next round. One artist was eliminated until only two remained. Some topics included Snooki from Jersey Shore, ninja-throwing stars and Ugg Boots getting murdered. Jenna Swick, a senior at SU, said she enjoyed watching the artists compete. She viewed the fight while at a table selling art work, jewelry and shirts to raise money for the Art Club. "The stuff that they were drawing does not surprise me," Swick said. "I know all of them and their personalities really come through in their drawings." The last round of the art competition was a battle between brothers Andy and Danny Flexner. The final round theme was titled "a creepy Christmas." The audience gave suggestions while they drew for

15 minutes. The audience crowned Andy Flexner as the victor of the fight, a sophomore majoring in art with a concentration in graphic design. Danny Flexner took second place and Tyler Mitchell won third. The three winners won gift cards of different amounts to Dick Blick, an art supply store. "I think the Art Fight was a success," said Andy Flexner. "It was a lot of fun and we had a decent-sized crowd who seemed to enjoy the fight as well. I would most certainly participate in something like this in the future." Linzey would like to plan another Art Fight for next semester. She said she hopes that other students will carry out her vision of making it an annual event after she graduates this spring.

Student explores opportunities beyond major

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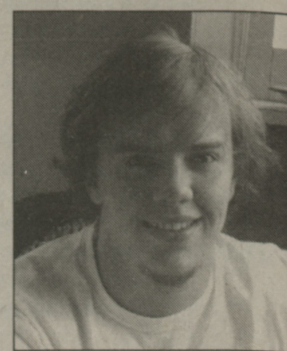
Even though Josh Bock is an exercise science major, business and making money has always been important to him. Bock, a sophomore, is Sigma Phi Epsilon's future head of finance and a prominent member of Prepaid Legal, a company that sells legal insurance. "Prepaid Legal sells speeding tickets to identify theft," Bock said. "I have a team of students from Salisbury who help advertise the business. Our job is to sign people up for the membership, which includes low-cost legal support."

A few of Bock's team members consist of SU students Felipe Creighton, Chelsea Felling and Chris Stumbroski, as well as their executive director and number one recruiter in Maryland, Nathan Bourne. "Josh is very coachable and has a lot of potential," Bourne said. "It's been a pleasure having him work with us and honestly that's the

most rewarding aspect of this business: helping others. We truly make a difference."

Prepaid Legal's memberships cover those who cannot afford a lawyer's expenses for a fee of \$35 a month. However, the company's customers aren't the only ones who receive benefits. "Through advertising, I am able to receive commission by signing people up who want to work for the company and I get around \$105 per person, which is great money," Bock said. "I get to meet new people every day, and pick my own hours."

Bock added that thanks to Prepaid Legal, he is finally financially stable. "I live in University Village, so the money contributes greatly to my apartment bills and groceries," he said. Felling said she also benefits from working for the company. "Prepaid Legal is the biggest opportunity that has come my way," Felling said. "This job has been my first chance to make something of myself, and it's also a



Josh Bock

potential career. Plus, working with Josh is enjoyable; he is understanding and open to new ideas."

Through his multiple advertisements around campus, Bock is attempting to get college students interested in Prepaid Legal. "The company has been geared around adults, but by gearing it around college students, we can spread the word of Prepaid Legal even faster," Bock said. "We need to get more of the young demographics involved, and so far, we have students advertising at colleges such as Wor-Wic, Towson and University of Maryland."

Creighton said he enjoys advertising on college campuses. "We finally get a chance to help out those who need it by encouraging students to join the company," Creighton said. "I wouldn't even call this job work; it is more like personal development and working with Bock is always a good time."

Weekly Greek Sororities participate in first powderpuff game

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On Nov. 18, Salisbury University's National Panhellenic Council hosted their first powderpuff football game. Sisters of Delta Gamma, Phi Mu, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Sigma Tau were all divided into two teams, the Greek Goddesses and Team Blackout. Fraternity brothers volunteered to coach the teams to victory. "Team Greek Goddesses won

in overtime, but Team Blackout is insisting on a rematch," said Corinne Spence, vice president of the National Panhellenic Council at SU and a member of Delta Gamma.

Following the game, participants and viewers dined at The Deli, where 10 percent of purchases went to support SU Panhellenic. "The game was so much fun and got us to really interact with girls in another sorority besides our own," said AST sister and

junior Erin Cherniak. "We normally just do events with girls in our own sorority, but this allowed us to all do something together."

Spence said NPC will probably host the event again next semester. "I had so much fun and I can't wait to do it again," said sophomore Kyrie Drake, a member of AST.

To find out more about Greek Life, students can check out Panhellenic Rep or IFC Representative on Facebook.

DJ Spotlight: Hot New Tuesday

Students also work at Big Sound Productions

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Students may have heard them mixing it up on SU's radio broadcast Hot New Tuesday, but what they might not know is that the talents of these two individuals excel far beyond WXSU.

Kenny Sikora, a.k.a. DJ Mixik, founder of Big Sound Productions and Karl Levebours, a.k.a. DJ Kalo, are boosting the scene through their DJ talent all around town. DJ Mixik and DJ Kalo got into DJing the same way. Each had a friend who was a start-up DJ who showed them the ropes until they got the hang of it. As things progressed, they bought old equipment, upgrading when they could. "I like making people feel good, seeing people have fun...music has a way of transforming a mood just by mixin' it good," Sikora said. The duo first met when they were placed as roommates.



Vanessa Junkin photo

DJ Kalo (Karl Levebours) and DJ Mixik (Kenny Sikora) host Hot New Tuesday on WXSU and run Big Sound Productions.

"Coincidentally (Kenny's) my roommate at University Village. We didn't even know each other," Levebours said.

As things moved along during the semester, they decided to create a demo. "One day we decided to collaborate," Sikora said. "We play all kinds of music from reggae, to Top 40, hip-hop, club and house." From SGA's Respect Day and Passion 4 Fashion's after-party, to Big Sound Productions' new event BuryFest in Spring of 2011, DJ Mixik and DJ Kalo will be mixing it up for SU for a while. While still in the making, Big Sound Productions' BuryFest is

scheduled to be a big event. The concert will bring in DJ's from Baltimore and a secret special guest star. "I had DJ Kalo do some mixing at one of my parties before Thanksgiving Break," said "Party Pro" and student Alessandro Ricchiarri. "He did an outstanding job. The party was poppin' all night and people were diggin' it." Hot New Tuesday broadcasts on Tuesday nights from 9-11 p.m. To find out more information on Big Sound Productions or to schedule them for an event, e-mail bigsoundproductions@live.com.



Photo submitted by Tyler Butler
Cast members from "Back to the Future" were a main attraction at a party celebrating the series' 25th anniversary and Blu-Ray release.

SU student recalls 'Back to the Future' experience

By Tyler Butler
Special to The Flyer

On October 25, 2010, 25 years after Marty McFly traveled back to 1955 in his DeLorean, a cast reunion was held in New York City for actors and crew of the famous "Back to the Future" movie trilogy. The series, which focused around a high-schooler and his friend, an inventor, took the viewer on a trip through time as they visited 1885, 1955, 1985 and 2015. The series became an icon of the 80s. The party not only was to commemorate the movies, but to celebrate the release of the trilogy on Blu-Ray Disc.

The reunion party began at 7 p.m., but most had arrived long ahead of time. There was an exact replica of the BTTF DeLorean on display outside the restaurant in the garden. There are only a handful of DeLoreans in the world that have been modified to look like the BTTF Time Machine.

The car looked great, and lots of reporters were milling about the car taking turns recording segments for use in evening broadcasts. Owners of the car Ken and Michele Kapulowski had actually driven this time machine down from Toronto, Canada for the event.

Also at the event early and milling about were Terry Holler and her husband, Oliver. The Hollers drive around the country in their DeLorean Time Machine collecting donations for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research. They were taking a brief hiatus from their journey to attend this event. They were passing out flux capacitor pins (or "flashies," as Terry called them) to everyone they saw.

At 7, when they opened the doors to the restaurant, the place became a madhouse as the 200 invited guests poured inside. There was a blue carpet lined with photographers already in position. One by one, the cast and crew made their way down the carpet. First to walk down the carpet was musician Huey Lewis, followed by actress Lea Thompson, actor Christopher Lloyd, director Robert Zemeckis, producer Neil

Canton, writer Bob Gale, actor Don Fullilove, actress Mary Steenburgen, and finally the man himself, Michael J. Fox.

Once the blue carpet event was over, most of the photographers left, and the real party began. We all moved to the upper floor of the restaurant, where they had several monitors playing the three different movies, a bar, a stage, and the best cake ever made.

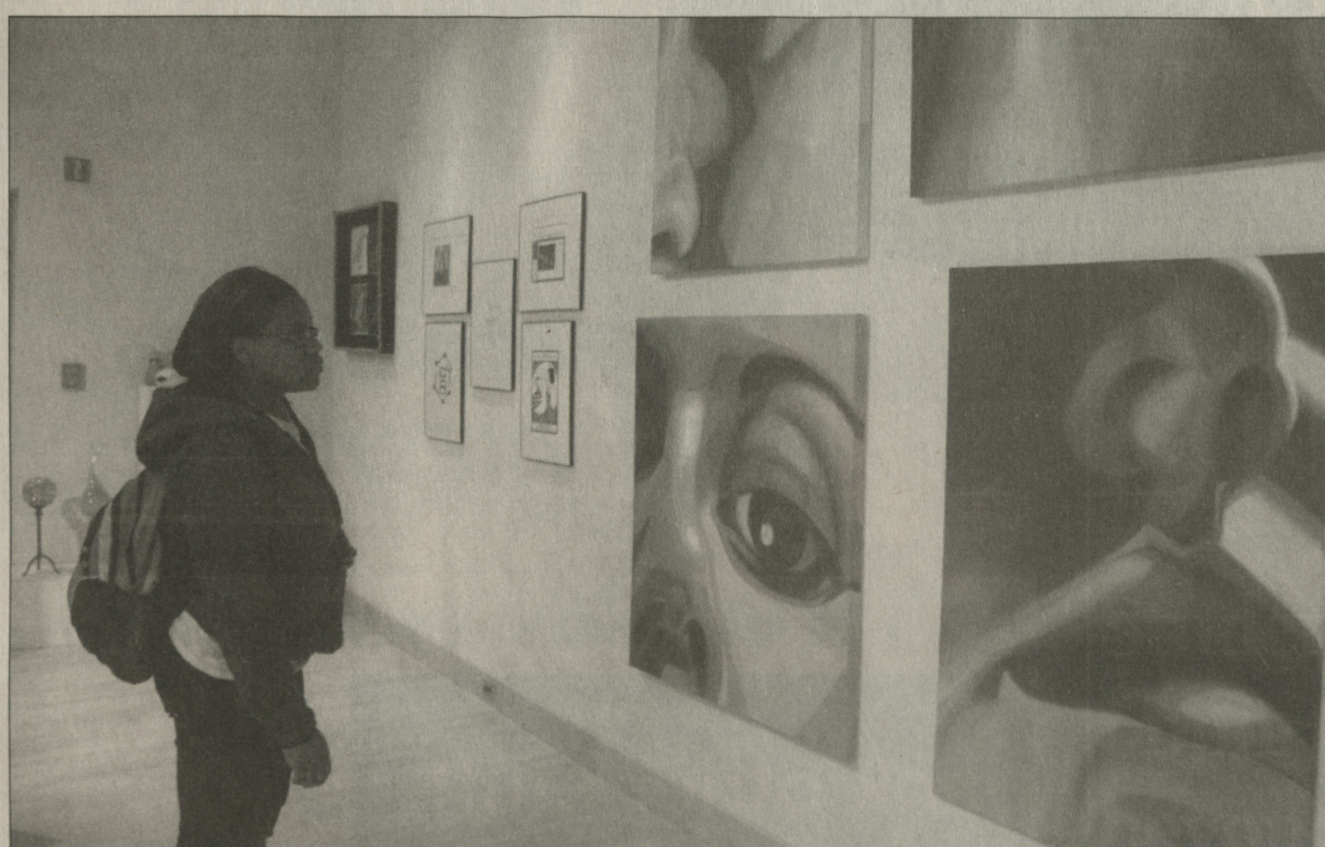
After a brief Q&A session, the guests proceeded to the cake. This masterpiece was created by Duff Goldman, the "Ace of Cakes" from the Food Network. The cake was made to look like the time machine, with working headlights, tail lights, flux capacitor and even smoke coming from the vents on the back.

Before everyone could dive in, they filled two small troughs behind the cake with oil and lit it on fire, thus creating fire trails. Even the celebrities were impressed with this cake. The stars went first for slices, with the rest of the attendees following behind. After the cake, everyone had a chance to interact more with the celebrities. The Hollers approached Fox first. They introduced themselves, and Fox knew immediately who they were. He even hugged Terry and thanked them both for all their hard work. They have spent so much time driving all over the country collecting money for Team Fox, yet they hadn't met him until the party. Fox gladly signed a sun visor for them.

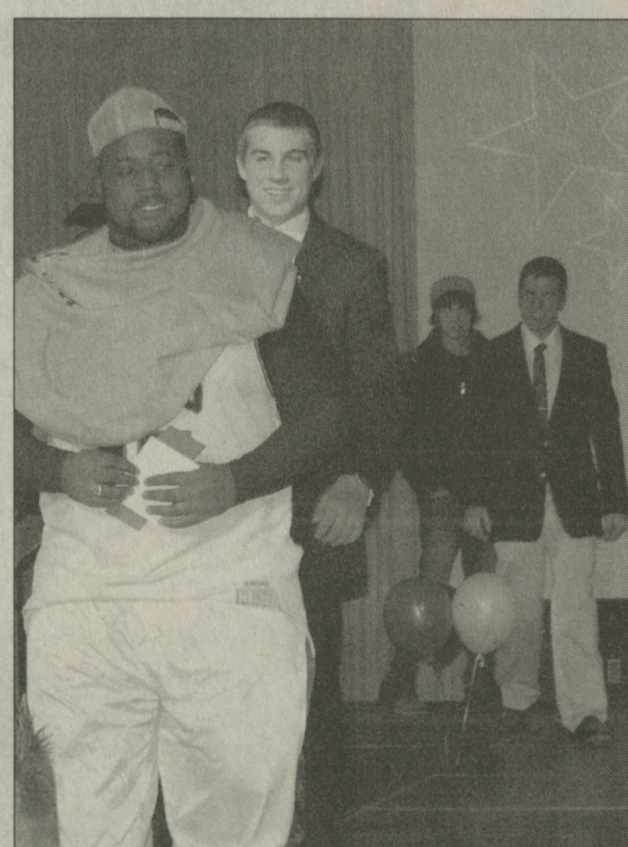
After a few minutes of mingling, Fox, Lloyd, Lewis, and a few others made their way back to their private room. Fullilove, who played Mayor Goldie Wilson, continued to talk to people, with the attitude of, "I flew 3,000 miles to sign as many pictures as you want!" At this point, things had started to trail off, with most of the celebrities retiring early so they could be on the Today Show the next day. The party ended at midnight after a night filled with unforgettable memories.

From the Photo Bank:

What's Happening On Campus



Matt Goldman photo
Sophomore Lakishia Banister checks out student artwork at the Senior Art Show. The exhibit runs until December 12 in Fulton's University Gallery and is open 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Adrienne Price photo
Students modeled what to wear and what not to wear at the Dress for Success fashion show Dec. 2.



Matt Goldman photo
Anthony DeNuto, Pat Gotham and Nora Ellen offer free compliments in Red Square to celebrate "There is no 'S' without 'U,'" which took place last week.



Pat Hackley photo
Environmental Student Association President Jessica Johnson, Vice President Libby Young and Secretary Anitha Kerst get together during their fundraiser at Flavors.



Stay in shape over break

By Eric Buratty
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If you've ever felt like something was missing during your breaks from work or school, there's no doubt your outlook will change for the better when you become mentally and physically active. There's just something about staying engaged in daily activities that gives us that natural adrenaline rush. We like to stay "busy" even when we aren't. We have the tendency to seek out activities that bring us a sense of self-accomplishment, regardless of everyone's personal meaning for the word. I believe a great deal of this self-accomplishment is re-

lated to staying in shape mentally and physically over breaks, so here are a few reminders along with a bonus workout since you know I'm all about fitness.

Realize that there's no such thing as the off-season.

A true athlete or average person that wants to maintain a lean body year round understands that there's no such thing as the off-season. While rest has its time and place, your muscles need to be activated often so they're ready for daily activities and future workouts. The cliché, "if you don't use it, you lose it" therefore needs to be exercised mentally and physically if you want to maintain or improve upon

your body's current capabilities.

Make New Year's resolutions short-term goals.

I'm not a big fan of New Year's resolutions because people typically get in the habit of focusing on too many objectives at once and turning those into one yearly goal. This mentality is what leaves them falling behind in terms of progress. So instead of making a long-term yearly goal, focus on one thing at a time by breaking down what you want to accomplish on a weekly or even daily basis.

As a strong advocate of fitness, my weekly goal is to progress in my overall performance during workouts by increasing the quality of reps of less, equal or even more weight for select exercises. My daily goal is to do whatever it takes to fuel my body with healthy sources of energy—for performing optimally during workouts and when using my noodle. What are your short-term goals?

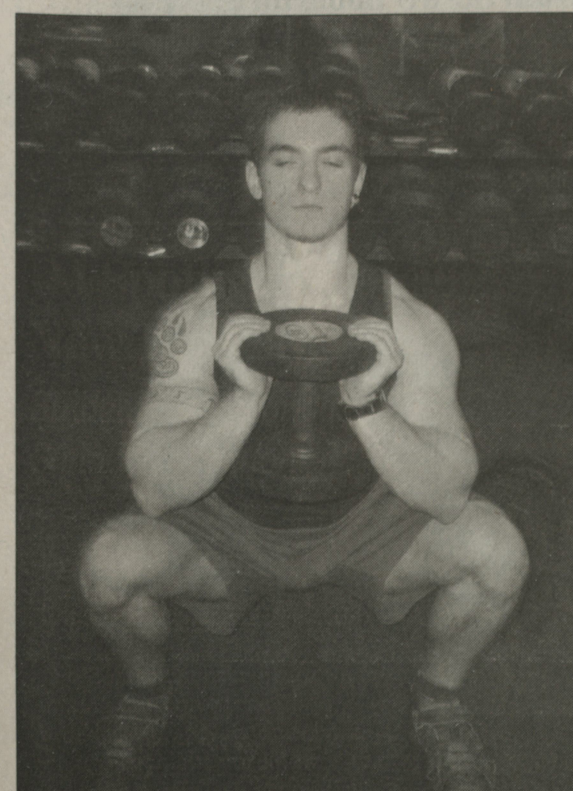
Maximize the efficiency of your workout space.

I'm typically a big fan of getting into the gym, but sometimes reality sets in with weather and leaves you with suboptimal driving conditions. This is often the case with winter weather, so you have to re-

main indoors. You don't have to miss a quality workout, though. Regardless of season, the take home point is to use bad weather to your advantage. How so? You'll begin to understand the importance of applying space-efficient workouts, whether at a crowded gym or in your own home. I'll expand more on space-efficient workouts in the future. But for now, I'll leave you with a teaser workout you can apply over break. The emphasis is to be explosive on your reps while still maintaining good form for each exercise in the circuit in the chart below.

In sum, it's important to do whatever possible to stay in shape mentally and physically over breaks because "if you don't use it, you'll lose it!" So even if fitness isn't your forte, I encourage you to stay mentally active by engaging yourself in a book of interest or watching an intellectually stimulating movie.

I'm a certified trainer. So if you have any questions about training or nutrition, feel free to email me at eb55419@gulls.salisbury.edu. For those who are more serious, specify that in your email, and I will be more than happy to consult with you. You may also visit www.unleashyourfitnesspotential.com if you missed a previous article in the paper.



Eric Buratty photo

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Career Services offers job and internship interview reminders

Submitted by Courtney E. Dennis
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Nights start to run past 2 a.m., a pile of study guides and books serve as a new mattress, and nightly diets consists of Taco Bell, Red Bull, and a box of Cheez-its. What does this all mean? It's the end of the semester.

In these last final weeks as projects are being finished, papers are being written and exams are being

studied for, Career Services encourages students to remember everything they learned and apply that knowledge while searching for a job or an internship.

It is important to be fully prepared for interviews. This means having an updated and clean resume and cover letter that have been reviewed by Career Services.

Career Services also recommends not to carry important papers such as a resume, cover letter, and other documents in a manila envelope. Carry these

things in a briefcase or presentable folder. If there is not a concern about presentation, the employer will notice.

Another aspect of presentation is attire. Interviewees should look business professional or business casual, depending on the type of job/internship that is being applied for. Ladies should not wear open-toed shoes, or six-inch heels. Closed-toed shoes with an inch heel are the most appropriate. Also, females should not show cleavage, wear heavy

makeup, or wear gaudy jewelry.

Gentlemen should refrain from wearing khaki pants and polos, stick to a suit. This does not mean a tuxedo — the outfit should include means dress pants, a dress shirt, a tie, jacket and professional-looking shoes. It is also advised that men get a haircut before an interview.

Career Services also asks students to take advantage of the services that they offer. Go to the job and internship fairs, have resumes looked over during walk-in

resume review days, learn how to be competitive in the job market through the workshops that are held throughout the semester and read about job and internship alerts on the website. All these things can better the chances of gaining the ideal career.

From everyone at Career Services, good luck to all students during these last few weeks of school and have a safe and enjoyable winter break. We're looking forward to the spring.

The inspired mind

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"Mellow is the man who knows what he's been missin', many many men can't see the open road." Robert Plant

There are many emotions evoked within humans. These emotions may often be activated by thoughts or memories of past events. Both good and bad emotions are beneficial because they allow for us to experience the full range of feelings which exist in the human repertoire.

With a good emotion we can acknowledge what makes us joyous. Conversely, bad emotions reveal lessons so we are able to avoid experiencing these feelings again in the future. However, feelings of negativity are the ones that contribute nothing.

Perhaps the most negative emotion that all people experience is regret. Regret is not a learning tool

like a mistake; it is simply dwelling on what is gone, done and unalterable. This week I will look in depth at a quote from one of the greatest writers in music history, lead singer of Led Zeppelin, Robert Plant.

These lyrics are from the song titled "Over the Hills and Far Away." This title is a summation of the quote's message. In the distance, down the line in our lives everyone aspires to accomplish a goal of some sort.

The possibilities are endless if you choose for them to be. However, this quote speaks of the individuals who believe "far away" is so far that the destination is unreachable.

Before revealing the underlying message of this quote's components, the big picture of what the purpose of college is must be made clear. College is meant to expose each and every student to the options which are available to them in every field of study in every realm of the world. The opportunity to "see the open road" has been

granted to us. We must take advantage.

The word "mellow" in the context of this quote is serving as a synonym for the term subdued. Subdued people are those who realize something could be done to better their life, but choose not to act on that something, usually out of fear.

It is as if this type of person numbs their conscience to their potential as a coping mechanism to reason that he or she is not accountable for the lack of success up to that point. They think negative by believing it's too late to take action, slowly allowing for regret to emerge.

College students must embrace, not limit, all that may lie ahead. These four years enable you to do anything and everything. Keep a positive persona and encourage yourself to be nothing like those described in this quote's analogy. This will allow for you to avoid regret and move toward new accomplishments.

One dough, plenty of cookies

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Everybody knows that the easy way to make holiday cookies is to buy pre-made dough, but where's the fun in that? With one basic homemade dough, tons of different cookies can be made. It's easy, fun, and is a fantastic gift for family and friends you love. Start with this basic sugar cookie dough recipe, from Alton Brown and the Food Network website.

Ingredients:

Three cups all-purpose flour
Three-fourths of a teaspoon baking powder
One-fourth of a teaspoon salt
One cup unsalted butter, softened
One cup sugar
One egg, beaten
One tablespoon milk

Instructions:

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside. Place butter and sugar in large bowl of electric stand mixer and beat

until light in color. Add egg and milk and beat to combine. Put mixer on low speed, gradually add flour, and beat until mixture pulls away from the side of the bowl. Divide the dough in half, wrap in waxed paper, and refrigerate for two hours. Yields about three dozen cookies.

All of the below cookie variations should be placed on greased cookie sheets and baked at 375 degrees Fahrenheit, for seven to nine minutes or until golden brown.

Snickerdoodles

Mix together one cup of sugar with two tablespoons of cinnamon. Roll cookie dough into two-inch balls and rolls the balls in the cinnamon sugar mixture and bake.

Candy Cane Twists

Divide your dough in half. Use red food coloring and knead it into one half of your dough, use as much or as little as you like, depending on your desired color. Use dough balls from each color and form them into eight-inch ropes of one-inch thickness. Take one rope of each color and twist together, sealing at the end and crooking one end like a candy cane, and bake.

Peanut Butter Kisses

Form your dough into a log shape and slice into half inch thick slices, making a dent into the center of each slice. Drop in one teaspoon of peanut butter to each and press one Hershey Kiss on top of the peanut butter and bake. If you don't care for peanut butter, just add the Kiss.

Peanut Butter Cookies

Fold one-and-a-half cups of peanut butter into your cookie dough, form into a log shape, and chill thoroughly. Slice and place on baking sheet. Using the tines of a fork, make a criss-cross pattern on top of the cookies, sprinkle with sugar, and bake.

Decorated Sugar Cookies

If you want plain sugar cookies, take a shot at dressing them up for the holidays. Color some melted white chocolate with red or green food coloring. Using a spoon, drizzle the chocolate, back and forth, over the tops of the cookies and enjoy. Or buy some canned frosting, dye it whatever color you like, and frost your cookies, draw Holiday symbols on them, or personalize them for gifts by adding names.

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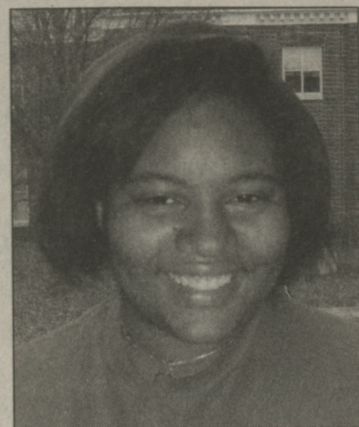
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Meet... Samira Burris



Samira Burris

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Meet Samira Burris, a freshman at Salisbury University. Born in Darmstadt, Germany and raised in Atlanta, Ga., Burris is a double major in Spanish and Guidance and Counseling. When she's not working for Shear Magic hair salon, Burris likes to decorate cakes, write poetry, travel and learn foreign languages. Her interests make her an avid member of SU's African Student Association, Caribbean Student Association, Union of African American Students, Gospel Choir and WXSU radio.

Recently *The Flyer* had a chance to talk with Burris; here is what she had to say...

The Flyer: Why did you decide to go to Salisbury University?

Samira Burris: Mr. Leroy Satchel came to talk about SU at my high school in Philadelphia. I originally wasn't interested, but he caught my attention when he told us about The Commons being the fourth best dining hall in the nation. I came during a multicultural visitation and fell in love with the school.

TF: Who is your favorite professor at SU?

SB: Professor Karen Rayne. She teaches my English 103 class. I like her because she is a challenging teacher. I try to get by on my charisma and charm, but she makes me have to do my work.

TF: What is your favorite food to make?

SB: Enchiladas, made with beef or chicken, a variation of bell peppers and onions, tortillas, and cov-

ered in cheese and salsa.

TF: What is the last concert you went to?

SB: The last concert I went to was "Holiday Jam" featuring Omarion, Lil Bow Wow, Marques Houston, Dem Franchise Boys and Trey Songz.

TF: What do you do when you are bored?

SB: If I'm not on Hulu, I am cooking or baking something.

TF: If you could be a star in any movie or show, who would you be?

SB: Bella in "Twilight", so I could diss Edward and pick Jacob.

TF: If you could have any profession, what would it be?

SB: I would love to manage a music artist.

TF: Who is your role model?

SB: My Uncle Prate. He was born in the 1940s but always stayed current with the times. He made sure my cousins and I were aware of what was expected of us and where we could go in life, but also reminded us of where we came from.

TF: What is a unique talent of yours?

SB: I can do lots of different voices and I am good at making people laugh.

TF: What is your signature saying?

SB: "Shout out to the fact that my name is Philly like the cheesesteak."

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SU Gospel Choir gets into the holiday spirit

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SU Gospel Choir kicks off the month of December and the Christmas season with a Christmas Concert in the Wicomico Room the evening of Dec. 3.

SGA Corner

Submitted by Tanner Shepherd
SGA VP of Public Relations

The SGA would like to remind everyone that last week celebrated respecting others, and we appreciate everyone who came out to the Respect Day event Dec. 2. SGA would like to remind everyone to not just pay it back, but to "pay it forward."

Though we should always respect our fellow colleagues, we should also remember to respect our environment. This is why SGA has made it our priority to increase our campus' sustainability as much as possible. SGA will see what students think

about making The Commons completely trayless in the future — aside from those with disabilities, young children and older people.

By going trayless, University Dining Services will not have to worry about using water to clean trays, so this will reduce the amount spent on water and energy bills.

It will also keep the student body conscious of the amount of food they consume so as not to waste food. Schools that have already gone trayless, such as Harvard and Princeton Universities, have reported reduction in food waste by 25 to 50 percent and also a reduction in water

usage. SGA understands this may be challenging at first, but feels the benefits will outweigh what some see as an inconvenience.

The SGA is also happy to announce that we have passed a bill increasing the Student Activities Fee by \$1 per student, per semester beginning in fall 2011. These funds will help decrease prices for future events and provide the student body with better funded Registered Student Organizations on campus. We hope that everyone has a great winter break, and we'll see you next year for an exciting spring semester.

GUC, UFC host events before finals week

Stress Free in the GUC

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, yoga specialist and communication arts professor Dr. Egan will lead yoga and meditation in the Wicomico Room from 3:30 to 4:30.

There will be massage therapy on Wednesday, Dec. 8 and Thursday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For questions, e-mail

gucvents@salisbury.edu.

Fit 4 Finals at University Fitness Club

Events on Tuesday, Dec. 7 are e-force racquetball demo at 3:30 p.m., ZUMBA challenge at 6:30 p.m. and basketball shooting contest at 7 p.m.

Events on Wednesday, Dec. 8 are racquetball tournament at 4

p.m., RPM 90 minute challenge at 6:30 p.m. and ZUMBA challenge at 7:30 p.m.

Events on Thursday, Dec. 9 are racquetball championship at 4 p.m., bench press contest at 5 p.m. and Ms./Mr. ZUMBA 2010 crowning at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays this week at SU

A Fireside Holiday

On Friday, Dec. 10, GUC Events will host A Fireside Holiday in the GUC Fireside Lounge at 7 p.m. Events include a performance by Squawkapella, ornament making, card making for overseas troops and an announcement of the 7th annual Tournament of Trees winner. There will be refreshments. For more information, see www.salisbury.edu/guc/gucevents.html

Photo Snow Globes

At SOAP's Photo Snow Globes event, students bringing a Gull Card can get their photo taken and a company will put it into snow globes. The event runs from noon to 3 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Winter Music Festival

Salisbury University celebrates the holidays with its annual winter music festival, "Four Magical Nights," through Dec. 11 in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The Salisbury Pops, conducted by Lee Knier, continues the festival 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. The Jazz Brazz Big Band, conducted by Dr. Jerry

Tabor, performs 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, with a selection of swing and Latin tunes. The SU Percussion Ensemble, directed by Ted Nichols, also performs. Those two nights are free.

The festival culminates with the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra's annual Holiday Concert, conducted by Dr. Jeffrey Schoyen, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Sponsored by PNC Bank and Livingston, Hammond & Hill Wealth Management, LLC, admission is \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for children 12 and under. For tickets visit www.salisburysymphony-orchestra.org. A pre-concert talk by Public Radio Delmarva's Bill Bukowski is 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. His talk is free with admission to the concert.

Free shuttles for evening concerts run from the Guerrieri University Center parking lot to Holloway Hall from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and return following each concert.

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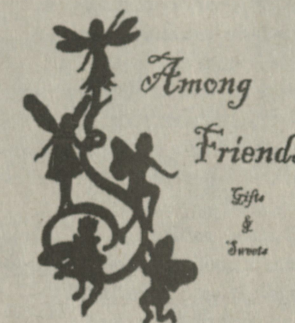
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Rugby wins PRU championship



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The Salisbury men's rugby team defeated Towson 19-13 to win the Potomac Rugby Union championship. Here, the victorious players pose with their coach, Bob "Doc" Davis. The win gives SU's team the chance to play in the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union playoffs, which could lead to a spot in the national playoffs. Salisbury's team is ranked 7th in the nation. Students are encouraged to come to practices, which will resume early next semester and run 4 to 6:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays at the intramural fields. (Source: Zachary Hayes.)

America's fantasy phenomenon

Fantasy football teams give fans the chance to be managers

By Evan Clifton

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Some National Football League fans may have lost faith in their favorite NFL team this season, but many have another kind of team to root for: their fantasy football team.

Fantasy football is a virtual competition in which people manage professional football players. Fantasy football places participants in the role of general manager, allowing them to draft, trade, release and add NFL players to their online rosters.

The fantasy football phenomenon was born in 1962 from three men in the Oakland, Calif. area, according to an article from sfgate.com. Until the widespread availability of the Internet, league "drafts" had to be conducted in person at large gatherings.

Salisbury University Head Tennis Coach Randy Halfpap recalls playing fantasy sports before they were conducted online.

"It was much tougher back then because Yahoo and ESPN didn't have programs to calculate your points," Halfpap said. We did all of the points with newspaper stats and a pencil. Needless to say, it took forever."

Fantasy football now captivates over 23 million Americans during football season, according to an article on the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* website. This article covered a study by Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. that said this phenomenon has caused some businesses to lose productivity due to workers tinkering with their rosters during the workday.

People choose to play for different reasons, including keeping in touch with friends over long distances, competition and simply because they like football.

"I play to be more knowledgeable about upcoming games and for bragging rights over my friends," said SU junior Jordan Frey.

Fantasy football has created large revenue streams for restaurants and sports websites alike. In fact, through ad revenue, hosting websites and increased attendance to bars and restaurants, fantasy football can generate \$1 billion in revenue annually, according to the *Post-Gazette* article.

"I now might care about a game such as the Buccaneers versus the Browns solely because I have a fantasy player from one of those teams," said SU assistant tennis coach Brendan Kincaid.

Like the NFL teams, fantasy players do not always follow their predictions.

"My biggest disappointment so far has been Brett Favre," said SU junior Alex Nohe. "Football legends don't just die like he did this season and he has not met my expectations at all."

According to fittoolbox.com, the players most commonly drafted in the top three this season were: Chris Johnson, Adrian Peterson and Maurice Jones-Drew, none of which are in the top nine for fantasy points earned.

"I would say the biggest surprise has been Dwayne Bowe. He has scored in seven straight games and has at least two touchdowns in his last three games," Halfpap said.

Bowe is currently the best fantasy receiver this season based on ESPN stats, but on average was the 20th receiver drafted.

"Foster, whom I drafted kind of early, has been a big surprise. You wait for him to lay an egg one week and he just keeps getting 100 yards," said Kincaid.

In fact, Foster is the leading player in fantasy football but was drafted, on average, only 74th overall.

Athlete Spotlight

Katie McGahagan



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This week's Athlete Spotlight focuses on sophomore women's basketball player Katie McGahagan. The Pasadena, Md. native is coming off of a week in which she recorded career highs in both points scored (14) and rebounds (25), all while leading her team to a 68-60 overtime victory over Stevenson University. Following the victory, the Sea Gulls improved to 2-2 and 1-0 in the conference. For her efforts, McGahagan was named CAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week. Following Salisbury's 75-67 victory over Hood College, McGahagan sat down with *The Flyer* to answer a few questions.

How did you get into basketball? When did you start playing?

"I was kind of born into it. My dad played basketball and lacrosse, and it just became the way of the family. My brothers and sister all play too, so really I've just been playing since I could walk."

Why did you choose to play for Salisbury?

"I first chose Salisbury because of the athletic training program, so it took my academic eye first. Then Coach Mapp came in contact with me, and I really loved the campus, so it was a perfect fit."

How do you feel the season has gone so far?

"I think we have gotten off to a good start, we just need to keep

pushing ourselves and keep improving and hopefully we can go far."

What are your goals for the rest of the season?
"Definitely working towards being a championship team, that's the ultimate goal. We just need to keep getting better and work together as a team, and hopefully we will be playing for a championship."

Recently you were named CAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week. How did that feel?
"It was cool I guess, just to be in the spotlight was nice, and it came from a great team performance this past Tuesday where we were able to get a win."

What are you studying at Salisbury?
"Athletic training."

What are your plans after college?
"Definitely with athletic training I hope to be working at the collegiate level working with athletes like me."

When you're not playing basketball, what do you like to do in your free time?

"With sports I'm always busy, but when I get some time I just like to chill out with my friends, watch movies, just typical stuff everyone else likes to do."

Do you have any specific pregame routines or rituals?
"I always like to listen to music (to) get myself ready for the game. (I) definitely always got the iPod on. I usually listen to hip-hop music before the game."



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Sophomore forward Nicole Sisco attempts to shoot the ball against her Southern Virginia opponent. Sisco is backed up by sophomore guard Katie McGahagan. The Gulls fell to the Knights 67-63.

Women's basketball misses shot against Southern Virginia

Gulls lose by only four points in Dec. 3 game

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The Salisbury University women's basketball team (3-4, 2-0 CAC) lost a tough first game in the 2010 Optimist Classic against Southern Virginia University Dec. 3 with a final score of 67-63.

"(It was) disappointing," said head coach Charisse Mapp about the loss. "Hopefully this game was a lesson learned."

The girls came out strong in the first half, dominating ball possession and walking into half-

time leading the Southern Virginia University Knights by a score of 34-22. Mapp emphasized that the girls' defense needs to improve as the season goes on. "(The loss) shouldn't have happened," said junior guard Glen Charlton. "We allowed (SVU) to get back into the game... they just wanted it more, I guess."

Charlton led the team in points with 18 and also emphasized that defense is critical in the team's game.

"Every possession matters," Charlton said. "We're supposed to play our game, and we just unfortunately had to conform to

theirs."

Sophomore forward Katie McGahagan had eight rebounds and seven points, and junior guard Milan Dry managed seven rebounds, with 11 total points.

"Our team strength is our unification," Mapp said. "We rely so much on each other and one person can't carry the whole team." The girls are now 3-4 after the 65-60 loss to The Apprentice School on Dec. 4.

"Our team's saying is 'Play together, play hard, play smart,'" Charlton said. "There will be another game."

Looking back on the fall sports season



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1. Sophomore quarterback Dan Griffin runs the ball past a Christopher Newport player Sept. 11. Griffin is backed up by sophomore Brandon Norwood.
2. Sophomore Kelly Vieira hits the ball over the net against her York (Pa.) opponent Oct. 27.
3. Junior midfielder Stafford Chipungu dribbles the ball when SU faced conference rival York (Pa.) Oct. 23.
4. Sophomore goalkeeper Melissa Orgera saves the ball from her Frostburg opponent Oct. 23.

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Swimming

The Salisbury University men's and women's swim teams traveled to York, Pa. to face Capital Athletic Conference opponent York College Dec. 4. The men and women competed in a tri-meet with York and Goucher colleges. The women defeated both teams and the men finished 1-1.

For the women (3-3, 2-0 CAC), freshman Danielle Dunn led with two individual first-place finishes in both the 50-yard freestyle (26.38 seconds) and 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.95). Dunn, along with juniors Robin Stone, Jenna Petrella and sophomore Sarah Ault, finished first

in the 400-yard medley relay (4:18.51). Ault and Stone also took home first place spots in the 100-yard backstroke (1:04.85) and 200-yard IM (2:22.84).

For the men (3-3, 1-1 CAC), senior Joe Wisda placed first in the 100-yard freestyle with a finishing time of 49.15 seconds. Wisda was also a member of the relay, consisting of senior Tim Metcalf, junior Steve Eyster and sophomore Paul Zoli. The four won the 400-meter freestyle in 3:21.71.

The women defeated Goucher, 140-65, and defeated York, 127-78. The men defeated Goucher 127-78, but fell to York, 124-81.

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Sam Bradman up for
Lacrosse Magazine honor

SALISBURY, Md. — Salisbury University men's lacrosse junior midfielder Sam Bradman was one of the breakout players of 2010 in NCAA Division III lacrosse last season and this year is expected to be one of the top players in the sport. This year, Bradman is one of four student-athletes nominated for Division III 2011 men's lacrosse preseason Player of the Year and fans will get to voice their opinion on the matter in an online poll released by *Lacrosse Magazine*.

Bradman, the only junior in the group, will look to build off a season in which he totaled a career-high 85 points

on 58 goals and 27 assists. For his play he was named the 2010 United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Division III National Midfielder of the Year, a first-team All-American and was the Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Also nominated for the award, which will be announced in the publication's January issue, are Cortland State senior midfielder Chris DeLuca, Roanoke College senior midfielder Justin Tuma and Tufts University senior attackman DJ Hessler.



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Junior forward Jason Nwosu attempts to pass the ball to teammate, senior center Chris McGrew. Salisbury fell 55-53 in the 2010 Optimist Classic after a last minute basket by Southern Virginia.

One basket costs men
Optimist Classic

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The home opener on Dec. 1 was a disappointment for the Salisbury University men's basketball team (3-4, 0-2 CAC). The game against Hood College featured a relatively large amount of players but ended in a frustrating loss.

The Gulls looked to open up their usual offensive game plan of feeding the ball down-low to 6'8" senior center Chris McGrew. McGrew, who led the Sea Gulls with 21 points, was a force to be reckoned with in the paint. Each one of his touches warranted a double team, and the Hood defense began to make several adjustments throughout the game to nullify McGrew's easy baskets.

In the first half of the contest, Salisbury found themselves playing catch-up for what would virtually be the entire game. The Blazers controlled most of the first half, as they went on a 20-6 run over the course of 11 minutes. Salisbury saw a single-digit lead for a brief bit at the 2:48 mark, only to let Hood's lead rise to 11 by the end of the half, 35-24.

In the second half, the Blazers' lead extended to as much as 19 points. Playing from behind, the Sea Gulls struggled to sustain any type of offense because they had to pick up their defensive intensity.

The Optimist Classic Dec. 4 provided Salisbury with a chance to redeem themselves in front of the home crowd. The Sea Gulls opened up the tournament Dec. 3 against Anna Maria College from Massachusetts. This time, Salisbury would not disappoint as they gathered a 68-40 victory over the AMCATS.

Salisbury, led by senior guard David Pearman, jumped out to an early lead that they would never look back from. Pearman, who had 15 points in the first half, helped Salisbury enter halftime with a comfortable cushion of 41-21.

The second half produced the same results. Salisbury stumped the AMCATS with their defense. The AMCATS were limited to one-shot opportunities, and had difficulty defending Salisbury's rather forward-like guards. In fact, the AMCATS' 40 points were the lowest amount of points given up by Salisbury in the Optimist Classic contests.

"We really just wanted to come

out here and get a hand on the shooters defensively," said senior guard Eric Johnson.

They executed this to perfection. With the Gulls riding a high into the championship game, expectations were high. The game featured a great three-point shooting team in the Southern Virginia Knights. Junior SU guard Justin Taylor said the game plan was no different.

"Close out on the shooters, and look for their inside presence, McGrew early," Taylor said.

However, the Knights were ready for the Gulls as they forced Salisbury to fight their way back for the majority of the game. Salisbury, who fought hard, managed to tie the game at 53 with just over seven seconds to play in regulation. But, a three-pointer and a kick-out pass down court gave the Knights the lead again. From there a desperate heave at the basket was unsuccessful as the Gulls fell 55-53.

"It was a tough loss," said sophomore guard Dylan Robeson.

Salisbury hopes to rebound Dec. 8 at home with a game against Marymount University. Tip-off will be at 8 p.m.

Giants run over
Redskins, Steelers take
control of North

Redskins fall to Giants 31-7,
Ravens lose to Steelers 13-10

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Mathematically, the Washington Redskins (5-7) are still alive, but the hopes for the playoffs all but whistled away in the Meadowlands of East Rutherford, N.J., Dec. 5. The Redskins paid a visit to division rival New York Giants (8-4).

The Giants won the game 31-7. New York took the opening drive right down the teeth of the Redskins' defense by running the ball for 56 yards out of the 59-yard drive. The Giants, with a depleted receiving core and a number of injuries on the offensive line, went back to their old ways of smash mouth football.

Salisbury graduate student Kyle Wilhite is "disappointed in the way the season has played out," Wilhite added he's upset with the coaches, but blame can go around to the offense and defense as well.

The Redskins play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-5) Dec. 12 as the Skins try to stop their two game skid.

Coming into the matchup in Baltimore, the Ravens (8-4) held the head tiebreaker over the Pittsburgh Steelers (9-3). After the game, Pittsburgh holds a one-game lead over Baltimore, and now has the inside track to a

potential first round bye.

As always, defense was the story in this American Football Conference North matchup. Baltimore would go up early with a 7-0 lead, but would leave the door open for their division rivals.

The Steelers defense would come up huge with a sack forced fumble recovered by outside linebacker Lamar Woodley. The turnover would come late in the fourth quarter and prove to be the pivotal blow to the Ravens.

The Ravens "inability to run the football" was a big factor in this loss, said Salisbury senior Mark Peterson.

"The pieces are in place but we will not achieve Super Bowl status unless we have a running game," he said.

During the defensive battle, Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger would break his nose on a vicious hit from Ravens defensive tackle Haloti Ngata. However, the quarterback remained in the game. Roethlisberger imitated what Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco did three months ago, and threw the game-winning touchdown under three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

Up next for the Ravens is an away game Dec. 13 against the high-powered Houston Texans (5-7) at 8:30 p.m.

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SU alum Cynewski will play in Indoor Football League

READING, Pa. – The Reading Express of the Indoor Football League have announced the signing of former Salisbury University All-American defensive end Paul Cynewski to the team.

The Moorestown, N.J., native was named an American Football Coaches Association first-team All-American and a first-team All-Atlantic Central Football Conference member in 2009.

During his time with the Sea Gulls, Cynewski appeared in 39 games and recorded 136 total tackles, including 89 solo tackles. Cynewski finished with 20.5 career sacks and dropped opposing quarterbacks for a loss of 156 total yards.

Cynewski will get the chance to square off against former Salisbury University defensive back Brandon Hudson, who is set to play for the Green Bay Blizzard, on April 15 and May 21.

The Express, formerly of the American Indoor Football Association, are set to kick off its inaugural season in the IFL with a home game on Feb. 26 against the Lehigh Valley Steelhawks.

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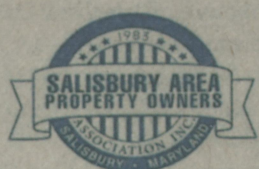
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